



STATE CONVENTION BULLETIN/AUGUST 2007

2007 NAMI VA Annual State Convention
 Saturday, September 8, 2007
 Holiday Inn Central
 3201 North Boulevard, Richmond, Va., 23230
 804-359-9441, Boulevard Exit 78, off Interstate 95

Agenda

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Registration and Continental Breakfast |
| 9:30 – 9:45 | Welcoming Remarks and Introduction of Mira Signer, Executive Director |
| 9:45 – 10:50 | <u>Mental Health Law Reform in Virginia: Challenges and Opportunities</u>
Professor Richard J. Bonnie; John S. Battle Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Chair of the Virginia Commission on Mental Health Law Reform. |
| 10:50 – 12:00 | <u>Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT)</u>
Major Sam Cochran, CIT Coordinator for the Memphis Police Department will review the history of CIT and its developing national impact. The challenges of implementing CIT and the partnerships common among successful programs will be presented. Several Virginia communities have completed the implementation of CIT and others are exploring the opportunity. |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Luncheon |
| 1:00 – 1:45 | <u>NAMI VA General Meeting and Elections</u> |
| 1:45 - 2:30 | <u>Growing Affiliates Panel Discussion</u>
Affiliate leaders from Virginia will discuss their affiliates' process for maintaining and growing memberships. The affiliates participating will be Roanoke, Western Tidewater, Rappahannock, and Williamsburg. |
| 2:30 – 3:30 | <u>In Our Own Voice</u>
Demonstration of "In Our Own Voice" - NAMI's Educational Program for consumers to present to the general public, churches, service organizations, schools and colleges. The objective of IOOV is to change attitudes, preconceived notions and stereotypes of people with mental illness. |
| 3:30 – 4:15 | <u>Legislative Update and Training</u>
Review of key legislative issues and next steps in our 2008 Legislative Action Plan, General Assembly Overview and Grassroots Lobbying Training, including practical tips on how to be an effective advocate for NAMI. |